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SUBJECT: VISIT BY PRO-PANAMA US GROUP

1. ENGLISH AND SPANISH PRESS FOR OCTOBER 9-10 CARRY STORIES OF ORGANIZATION IN US OF COMMITTEE FOR PANAMANIAN SOVEREIGNTY OVER CANAL ZONE, AND EIGHT-DAY VISIT BY ABOUT 40 REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS GROUP TO PANAMA COMMENCING OCTOBER 10. (SEE ALSO USIS/PANAMA MEDIA REACTION FOR 10/10.) COORDINATOR OF THIS GROUP, ROBERT RHODES OF AUSTIN, TEX., CHARACTERIZES MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS AS "ANTI-IMPERIALIST AND ANTI-COLONIALIST" AND STATES THEY HAVE ADOPTED FOR MOTTO "FOR A BICENTENNIAL WITHOUT COLONIES". GROUP IS VISITING PANAMA UNDER AUSPICES OF ECUMENIC PROGRAM OF INTER-AMERICAN COMMUNICATION AND ACTION (EPICA), AND INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES OF THIRD WORLD FILMS (NEW YORK), WHICH PLANS FILM DOCUMENTARY ON "THE COLONIAL ENCLAVE ON THE ISTHMUS."

2. COPY OF ARTICLE FROM "STAR AND HERALD" OF OCTOBER 10 DEALING WITH GROUP POUCHED ARA/PAN.

3. GOP INFORMATION AND PRESS SPOKESMAN ON TREATY NEGOTIATIONS (FABIAN VELARDE), WHO IS HANDLING GROUP ACTIVITIES WHILE IN PANAMA, HAS INFORMED EMBASSY
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THAT, AT SUGGESTION OF GOP NEGOTIATORS, HE IS SUGGEST-

ING TO GROUP THAT THEY CONTACT EMBASSY FOR INFORMAL
DISCUSSION WITH POLCOUNS BLACKEN; AS YET, WE HAVE
HAD NO DIRECT CONTACT FROM GROUP, BUT WILL SEE THEM
IF THEY CONTACT US DURING THEIR VISIT.
JORDEN

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